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VILLAGES IN PATH

BULLETIN
NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—A break in the Mississippi levee at Poydras, about 10 miles south of New Orleans, was reported today. A section of the levee about 100 feet long gave way, the report said, and approximately 350 families were fleeing before the water. The break unless checked may cover a large area.

BULLETIN
NATCHEZ, Miss., April 27.—Flood waters of the Mississippi river pouring through a rapidly widening crevasse in the Wepama levee this morning reached and entered the town of Ferriday, La., four miles from the break.

The residents had received warning of the approach of the water in ample time to escape. The town of Vidalia, with a population of 2,000, is next in the path of the flood and is expected to be reached today.

(By Associated Press)
NATCHEZ, Miss., April 27.—With no hope held out of stopping the break in the Mississippi river levee near Ferriday, Louisiana, the residents of half a dozen parishes in one of the richest sections of the state early today were preparing against the advance of flood waters which at last reports were surging through a crevasse more than two hundred yards wide. No loss of life has been reported up to an early hour and it was believed all residents were given sufficient warning to protect themselves.

Six towns, including Vidalia, of about 2,000 population, and Ferriday, of 500, are in the immediate path of the flood waters released when the break occurred suddenly at the Vancana levee in Concordia parish late yesterday. It was certain early today that the inundation would cover all of that parish, a large part of Tennessee, a part of Arkansas, and possibly a part of Franklin and Avoyelles parishes.

Care for Refugees.
Every available power boat in Natchez, with the United States steamboat Tunicia, of the government fleet here had hastened to the affected territory for flood relief work and arrangements were being made today to care for all refugees arriving here.

Vidalia, about eight miles from Ferriday, the nearest town to the crevasse, is just across the river from Natchez. Reports from those towns said the break in the line had been anticipated and most of the people had prepared for it. Some did not believe the flood waters would reach a greater depth than four or five feet in the houses in which case most of the residents were said to be prepared to wait out the flood.

Boat Connections.
Throughout Concordia and Catahoula parishes today the only means of communication was by boat. The last train to be operated left Ferriday last night with flood refugees. Practically all of the two parishes are covered by water and large tracts in Tenaw, Franklin and Avoyelles parishes, which comprise a rich farming area devoted largely to cotton. Jenks, a small sawmill village is inundated. Vidalia is partially protected by a railroad embankment, which has been sanded to serve as a levee. Practically all live stock in the threatened area has been removed and the remainder was taken to the levees to be picked up by river boats.

One hundred former service men of the matches post of the American Legion erected tents today for a refugee camp here.

NEWBY, KNIGHTSTOWN, IS ELECTED MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

(By Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—Leonidas P. Newby, of Knightstown, Ind., was today elected Most Excellent Master of the Knights Templar order in the United States at the 31st triennial convocation here. No decision has been reached as to the convention city.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 27.—Judge Leonidas Perry Newby, who has been active in Masonic affairs for many years, was born on a farm in Henry county, Ind., April 9, 1856, and has lived in Knightstown, Ind., since 1872. He has held various public offices as a Republican, serving as president of the state senate eight years and acting as lieutenant governor for four years. He has been an officer of banks in Indianapolis and elsewhere, and director in 16 corporations.

Mr. Newby arranged in 1919, as special commissioner for the grand encampment Knights Templar, for the adoption by the encampment of 500 French war orphans, and also entered into an agreement with the Knights Templar of England for the rebuilding at Jerusalem of the hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which was constructed by the order in the tenth century. He is the author of "Sidelights on Templar Law," which has been adopted generally throughout the grand encampment.

Mr. Newby married Miss Mary Elizabeth Breckenridge in 1876. They have a son and a daughter.

Women Voters Tell of Twenty Months of Suffrage



Left to right, above: Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and Mrs. Maude Wood Park. Below: Mrs. Solon Jacobs.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 27.—What twenty months of suffrage has meant to the women of the United States and what it has meant to the United States through the women is being disclosed at the third annual convention of the League of Women Voters now in session here. Mrs. Maude Wood Park, president of the National League of Women Voters and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, and other suffrage leaders never emphasize the holding of political office as the chief goal of the suffrage movement, and since the women of the country were enfranchised there has been, on the whole, extremely little office holding by women.

What there is worthy of attention. Last fall found a woman's name on nearly every ticket chiefly because the men leaders thought the name of a woman added element of interest and a lure for women voters.

The results of last fall's elections have given us:

One woman in the United States congress, Miss Alice Robertson, Republican from Oklahoma.

One woman in a state legislature in the south, Mrs. Euxim Clement Stafford of North Carolina.

One state with a woman in the upper house of its legislature, Senator Eva Hamilton of Michigan.

Only one other middle west state with a woman in the law making body, Indiana. The far west has a few women in the state bodies.

MINERS OF EUROPE PLEDGE SUPPORT TO STRIKERS IN AMERICA

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, April 27.—To aid American coal miners in their suspension of work, the executive committee of the international mining congress, in session at Rome Italy, has recommended that all European miners refrain from working overtime, according to a cablegram received today at the headquarters here of the United Mine Workers of America.

"If we find that British coal is taking the place of American coal," said William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, commenting on the message, "we may call upon the miners of Great Britain to refuse to supply these orders."

The cablegram is interpreted to mean that the miners of France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Germany are alive to the situation in the United States and are willing to call upon to render such support to the United Mine Workers of America as they may be able to give.

The cablegram was sent by Frank Hodges, secretary of the executive committee of the international congress, and read:

"Executive committee of international miners, meeting at Rome, sends you brotherly greetings and wishes American miners victory in present struggle. Are recommending that European miners refrain from working overtime while fight is proceeding. Any further suggestions from your committee will receive most sympathetic consideration."

**SAY K. K. K. SEARCH
WILL BE IMPORTANT
THROUGHOUT AMERICA**

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 27.—Cursor examination of documents and regalia confiscated in a raid by agents of the district attorney and deputy sheriff on the Los Angeles office of the Ku Klux Klan indicated they will be of great importance not only in Los Angeles county, but in other parts of the United States, county officials said today. Detailed inspection of the seized articles, which filled four large packing cases, was postponed until late today.

Walter E. Mosher, deputy constable, a member of the party which raided an Inglewood residence, which led to the search of the Klan's headquarters, will be arraigned today on a complaint charging assault to commit murder. He was arrested last night and released on \$10,000 bond. Mosher's father was killed and Leonard Ruigs, deputy sheriff, wounded during the raid. Serving of a warrant on Ruigs was withheld because of his condition.

ALLIED NOTE TO RUSSIA IS ABOUT READY

Spokesmen Declare It Will
Have Nothing of Nature of
Ultimatum—Conference is
Now Political Conclave.

TO CLARIFY SITUATION

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, April 27.—The representatives of the big and little ententes and Portugal expected to have before them in final form today the statement to be presented to the Russian delegates in answer to their counter proposals for the economic restoration of Europe, which the allies found unacceptable.

"It is no ultimatum that will be addressed to Russia," allied spokesmen declared today. The delegations of both the inviting and neutral nations were very anxious to explain this point, declaring nothing of an ultimatum nature was in contemplation. The idea of drawing up a document containing all that Europe is ready to offer Russia was suggested by the desire to put in black and white what the situation really is so that not only the Russians but the entire world might judge of it.

To Satisfy Creditors
This statement is being drawn up primarily to satisfy England, France and Belgium, who are the heaviest creditors of Russia. In their answer to the allies the Russians appear to have made no reference whatever to the war debts which the allies said they were ready to "scale down." In the English text of the allies' proposals the phrasing was: "In view of the serious economic conditions in Europe, the creditor governments are prepared to write down the war debts owing by Russia to them." The Russians apparently interpreted the words "write down" to mean "write off." In other words, complete cancellation. They therefore ignored the war debts in their rejoinder. What the attitude of the powers will be on this question has not been made clear.

Political Conference
Meanwhile the conference developed plainly into one of the most important political world conclaves in history by reason of the momentous problems which have come to the surface since its inauguration.

The Russo-German treaty, which many accept as the forerunner of a great alliance between the two formerly mighty nations, has been followed by other political developments, such as the proposed summoning of the Versailles treaty signatories to discuss the measures to be adopted if Germany does not meet her war reparations obligations.

A further note of gravity was added to the situation by Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain in his address last night to the American and British press correspondents, in which he uttered the warning that a new political crisis was facing Europe.

3 WOMEN ARRESTED IN MINE DISTURBANCE

(By Associated Press)
UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 27.—Eight women were arrested and a number of state policemen and deputy sheriffs were hurt in a riot at Tower Hill mine, No. 2, of the Tower Hill Coke and Coal company, nine miles southwest of here in Fayette county region today. The women were brought to jail here and will be given a hearing tomorrow. The mine was closed by the coal strike several weeks ago.

Still Querying Prospective Jurors In Small Case

(By Associated Press)
WAUKEGAN, Ill., April 27.—With four jurors for the trial of Governor Len Small, selected and sworn in, a new venire of 100 was called for today and only 62 could be found. Judge Claire C. Edwards excused 25 others for various reasons. The state then resumed questioning of prospective jurors.

Weather Forecast

FOR RICHMOND AND VICINITY
By W. E. Moore
General rains tonight and Friday. The slow eastward movement of a general storm over the west indicates unsettled weather for the next 36 hours, with brisk and strong north and east winds and rain, beginning tonight.

Temperatures Yesterday
Maximum..... 54
Minimum..... 50
Today..... 51

Weather Conditions—The cool wave now covers all of the north and central states and is moving toward the Atlantic coast. It is quite cool in the northwest, with local snows in Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana. Heavy rains continue over the southwestern states, and it is still raining in the Fort Worth (Texas) flood district.

For Indiana—by the United States Weather Bureau—Rain tonight and Friday; continued cool; fresh to strong northwest winds.

Paid Circulation
Yesterday, was
11,802

Hunter Would Rather Face Lions Than Auto Traffic



This is Harry K. Eustace, hunter of African big game and explorer of world-wide reputation, who has returned to the United States after spending years in darkest Africa. He says that he would rather hunt lions and tigers than face the traffic of some of our larger cities.

BILLY ENJOYS FIRST PROGRAM BY RADIO; LISTENS IN HIS ROOM

Billy Sunday has been converted—to wireless.
For the first time in the history of the evangelistic party, a concert was given by members over a wireless telephone Wednesday night, and after listening in on a set that had been installed in his room, Mr. Sunday requested the operators, Messrs. Paul Showalter and Harold Cutler, to return after his evening sermon and allow him another chance to listen. The special program of the evening was given in The Palladium wireless room. The bulbs of the receiving set in Mr. Sunday's room burned until 10:30 o'clock while local and out-of-town stations were turned in.

At Mr. Sunday's request also, the set was left in place all day Thursday to allow him to hear the noon and evening programs of The Palladium. Arrangements will be made to furnish him a set for the entire time he is in Richmond. With a set installed, the former baseball player expects to follow the fortunes of the different teams as they are shown in the daily broadcasts of baseball scores and to get other sport news "hot off the bat."

Complete success for the special program, in spite of unusually adverse weather conditions, was reported by listeners. "Fine," "Best program you have given yet," "unusually clear and distinct," were some of the phrases used in praise of the vocal and instrumental concert. Some difficulties were met in broadcasting music from the original performers as this is the first time it has been attempted by the Richmond station, but the results aroused a quickly expressed delight at all the stations listening.

First Radio Performance.
Although Mr. Rodeheaver has been with the revivalists for 12 years, Mr. Bernstein for five, Miss Kinney for six, Mr. Matthews for eight and Mrs. Asher for 11 years, this was also the first occasion that any of the party had made a "radio appearance." Yet there was no trace of "radio fright"—akin to stage fright—common to those accustomed to public appearances when they are first asked to talk or sing into an inanimate transmitter for the benefit of an invisible audience.

Gathering in the Palladium wireless telephone room promptly at 6:30, the program began on schedule time and was heard by the regular listeners to the Palladium evening program. In many cases, out-of-town amateurs invited neighbors and friends to listen and entertained them with the special concert.

A photograph was taken of the singers in the radio room during the program.

The duet, "The Old Rugged Cross," sung by Mrs. Asher and Mr. Rodeheaver, seemed to find especial favor with some listeners. Mrs. Maude Winder, 413 North Thirteenth street, who is active in the Billy Sunday organization, had the opportunity of listening over a set operated by her husband, Joseph Winder, president of the Sunday.

**FEAR HOOSIER GIRL
BEING HELD CAPTIVE**

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, April 26.—Fearing their daughter, Regina, a school teacher in Montana, has been kidnapped here, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams of Cannaburg, Ind., arrived in Chicago today to take up the search for the girl who has been missing since last Sunday.

A postcard from Chicago, mailed Sunday, and a mysterious telephone call are the only clues, the police said. The telephone call was to the girl's uncle, Frank O'Neill, here.

The voice had a foreign accent and Mr. O'Neill could distinguish only the name "Williams." Mr. O'Neill said his niece had never been in a large city before and he feared she had fallen into a trap.

2 OF HARDING PARTY HURT; DECK CRASHES

Timely Warning of Half Minute
Enables School Orchestra
of 55 Pieces to Escape
—Panic Is Averted.

PRESIDENT SWITCHED

(By Associated Press)
POINT PLEASANT, Ohio, April 27.—Two persons were hurt when the forward deck of the Island Queen, one of the flotilla of eleven boats carrying the presidential party to the celebration of the anniversary of Grant's birth, gave way.

The injured were: Richard Armstrong, Bethel, Ohio, arm broken, and Lieut. Eugene Weatherly, of the Cincinnati police department, cut by glass.

Many women became hysterical and fainted but there was no semblance of a panic. A band on the boat struck up a lively air immediately upon hearing the crash.

Catastrophe Prevented.
Only a timely half minute warning, in which the first deck sank about a foot before it gave way completely, probably prevented a catastrophe. Immediately under the deck the Manchester school orchestra of 55 pieces was sitting. The warning permitted them to escape before the deck crashed smashing the chairs on which they had been seated.

President Harding was to have been a passenger on the Island Queen but late last night he was switched to the government boat Cayuga which led the flotilla. There were two other government boats between the Cayuga and the Island Queen. The president did not hear of the disaster until his arrival here.

POINT PLEASANT, Ohio, April 27.
The nation turned today to this little hamlet snuggled at the base of the hills overlooking the Ohio river, to celebrate the one hundredth birthday of one of its presidents and great military leaders, U. S. Grant.

Up the river from Cincinnati came a flotilla of river craft, bearing the president, the wife of the president, congressmen, high national officers, uniformed military officers, soldiers, state officials, men prominent in civil life and hundreds of other citizens. Bells rang—not Mount Vernon, but bells pealing joy and gladness. It moored at the landing and for the first time, though the little village gave to the nation a president it was honored with the presence of the president of the United States.

In the presidential party were Attorney General Daugherty; George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to the president, and Mrs. Christian; Brig. Gen. Charles E. Sawyer, the president's physician and Mrs. Sawyer; Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant; Mrs. Harry C. Corbin; E. E. McLean and Mrs. McLean; James Prendergast; Jess Smith; Dr. T. Harding, the president's father and Mrs. Harding; Brig. Gen. Christian, Sr.; and Mrs. Christian; Col. J. A. Penn, and T. Q. Ashburn, special aides to the president, and Congressman Nicholas Longworth and Mrs. Longworth, A. E. B. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens and Charles C. Keams.

After viewing the place where General Grant was born, only the lean-to of which still exists here the house proper having been removed to the state fairgrounds at Columbus—President Harding was to deliver an address from a small platform erected near the site. The president's voice amplified by the speaker's sound amplifiers will make the president's voice audible to all in the village and to crowds that are expected to assemble in Lytle Park in Cincinnati, 30 miles away. The president was expected to stress in his address the spirit and qualities of the former president.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The machinery of government was halted today by executive order of President Harding in order that thousands of federal agents and officials in common with visitors and the citizens of Washington might do honor to the memory of General U. S. Grant at the dedication of the bronze memorial in the botanic garden on the centenary of the birth of the great union soldier and president. At the same time the memorial services were being held here. President Harding was participating in similar exercises at Point Pleasant, O., the birthplace of Grant.

A half holiday was granted to all federal employees, the public schools were closed, the city bedecked in flags and bunting and men and women were marshalled from all sections of the country to form an impressive parade, in homage to the memory of General Grant.

Cadets from West Point, midshipmen from Annapolis, all the regular soldiers, marines and sailors stationed in Washington, members of the loyal legion and veterans of the Civil war, Spanish-American war, the World war, and other foreign wars as well as representatives of patriotic societies were in the parade which marched to music to the White House down Pennsylvania avenue to the botanic gardens just west of the capitol where the services were held.

Vice-president Coolidge and Secretary of War Weeks were on the program for the principal addresses, while Chief Justice Taft and associate justices of the supreme court, members of congress and other high officials of the government were present. The unveiling was by Princess Cantacuzene, granddaughter, and Princess Ida Cantacuzene, great granddaughter of General Grant. At the head of the parade rode Major General John A. Clem, selected to be marshal in place of Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who is confined to his home with illness.

ST. LOUIS, April 27.—St. Louis today celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of U. S. Grant.

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TO FIND OUT FLOOD DAMAGE TO ROADS

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, April 27.—Steps to ascertain the amount of damage done to roads and bridges through the state from recent floods were taken by the state highway commission here today. Thirty-one district engineers are requested in an order to inspect the roads and bridges in their district and report to the commission. According to members of the commission several bridges were carried away from their moorings by the high waters.

Some bridges rest upside down at the stream's edge, A. H. Hinkle, chief of the maintenance department, said. A large force of men are to be put on the roads which have been damaged, Mr. Hinkle said.

PAUL DESCHANEL HAS FLU
PARIS, April 27.—Paul Deschanel, ex-president of France, is seriously ill. He is suffering from influenza with complications.